



ABOUT CONFERS

History:

The Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing (CONFERS) was created by DARPA in October 2017. In December 2022, CONFERS, *the* independent 501(c)(6) global trade association fostering the satellite servicing industry, was founded.

Dues-based membership is open to participation by stakeholders from the international satellite servicing community, including supplier and client companies, universities, and government agencies.

CONFERS primary objectives include:

- Advocating and promoting satellite servicing, *including but not limited to* maintenance, repair, assembly, manufacturing, and inspection within the space domain extending from low-earth orbit (LEO) to cislunar orbit and beyond.
- Developing industry-led standards that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and diverse space economy.
- Engaging with global governmental legislative and regulatory bodies on policies and oversight of satellite servicing activities.

CONFERS Leader Volunteers:

CONFERS is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors and a three-member Executive Committee. Current leader volunteers are:

- Chris Blackerby, CONFERS President, Astroscale Holdings
- Joerg Kreisel, CONFERS Secretary, iBOSS GmbH
- Joseph Anderson, CONFERS Treasurer, Space Logistics, LLC
- Jon Beam, CONFERS Director, Rogue Space Systems Corporation
- Eric Brown, CONFERS Director, Lockheed Martin
- Vanessa Clark, CONFERS Director, Atomos Space
- Adam Harris, CONFERS Director, OrbitFab
- Tim Maclay, ClearSpace
- One vacant seat
- CONFERS administration is managed by full-time Executive Director Brian Lagana

CONFERS Working Groups and Splinter Groups:

CONFERS activities are planned and executed by volunteer members serving on three Working Groups and through Splinter Groups formed as needed:

1. Technology Working Group (CTWG): responsible for advancing technical development of CONFERS best practices and standards. As of 2023, the CTWG includes lexicon and terminology. Co-chairs: Ron Birk, The Aerospace Corporation; Stephen Leete, Northrup Grumman

CTWG contributed to multiple standards related to satellite servicing:

- [ISO 24330](#) *Rendezvous and Proximity Operations (RPO) and On Orbit Servicing (OOS) — Programmatic Principles and Practices* (Status: **Published July 2022**)
- AIAA S-155 (202X) *RPO-OOS Spacecraft Fiducial Markers* (Currently in progress through AIAA)
- AIAA S-157 (202X) *RPO-OOS In-Space Storable Fluid Transfer Interfaces* (Currently in progress through AIAA)
- AIAA S-158 *RPO-OOS Free-Flyer Capture* (approved by the AIAA Standards Steering Committee (SSC) May 5, 2023)

The following CTWG Splinter Groups are underway:

- **Cryogenics Fluid Transfer Splinter Group:** developing recommendations for on-orbit cryogenic refueling standards.
Chair: Dallas Bienhoff, Off-World, Inc.
- **Power and Data Splinter Group:** developing recommendations for space data system standards.
Chair: Victor Nifo, MDA
- **On Orbit Servicing Communications Splinter Group:** developing recommendations for on-orbit satellite- to-satellite servicing communications.
Chair: Jeffrey Osbourne, AnySignal, Inc.

2. Policy Working Group (CPWG): responsible for informing policy positions and government engagement.

Co-chairs: William Kowalski, Atomos Space; Brian Weeden, Secure World Foundation

3. Communications Working Group (CCWG): responsible for driving communications and outreach to potential customers and the general public.

Co-chairs: Stephen A. Daire, Protean Industries, LLC; Dave Hebert, Astroscale, U.S.

CONFERS Membership:

CONFERS offers four membership categories:

- **Sustaining Member (\$5,000/yr.):** eligible to serve on the CONFERS Board; voting rights to forward draft standards and other CONFERS to the Board for final approval and internal decisions made at the annual General Assembly; participation in CONFERS Working Groups, workshops and other CONFERS members-only events and activities; and, access to members-only website and services.
- **Contributing Member (\$2,000/yr.):** voting rights to forward draft standards and other CONFERS publications to the Board for final approval and internal decisions made at the annual members General Assembly; participation in CONFERS Working Groups, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only events and activities; and, access to member-only website and services.
- **Observer Member (\$1,000/yr.):** participation in CONFERS Working Groups, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only events and activities, and access to member-only website and services.
- **Government Observer Member (\$0/yr.):** participation in CONFERS Working Groups, in-person and virtual workshops, and other CONFERS members-only events and activities.

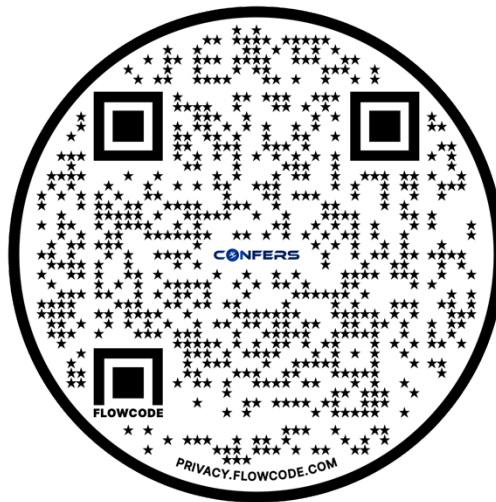
CONFERS Conferences and Events:

CONFERS produces the annual Global Satellite Servicing Forum and General Assembly (GSSF) in the fall, one-off workshops, and educational webinars, virtual working group and splinter group meetings throughout the year. CONFERS represents the industry at other space industry conferences and events around the world.

The 2023 Global Satellite Servicing Forum and General Assembly will be held Wednesday, October 11 – Thursday, October 12 at the Hilton Arlington, Arlington, VA.

Current Membership:

CONFERS 63-strong and growing membership is comprised of the following companies from the U.S., Canada, Australia, Europe, Japan, Mexico and New Zealand:



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